

**Town Manager's Office  
Town of Mansfield**

# Memo

To: Town Council  
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager  
CC: Town Employees  
Date: October 14, 2014  
Re: Town Manager's Report

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Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

## **Council Business**

- *Update Regarding Police Equipment* – At the September 22, 2014 Council meeting, a citizen requested an update regarding the shotguns and noise meters purchased for Mansfield's Resident State Trooper Office. We have eight shotguns that are currently assigned to members of the office. The shotguns are carried in each trooper's assigned vehicle. The shotguns are cleaned, inspected and used for re-qualification each year. The four noise meters are kept in the office and are utilized upon request.
- *Future Presentations to Town Council* – At the Town Council's request, staff plans to regularly schedule presentations to the Town Council regarding the activities of our various departments as well as other key topics. We will lead off tonight with a presentation from UCONN regarding the status of its master plan, and over the next months will feature updates regarding public works activities, revaluation, Storrs Center and performance measures. The presentations will be designed to be concise and informative.

## **Departmental Reports**

- *Town Manager's Office*
  - *DUI Enforcement Program* – The Department of Transportation has approved the Town of Mansfield's Highway Safety application to provide \$62,625 in funding to allow the our Resident Trooper's Office to conduct high-visibility DUI enforcement activities in Mansfield.
  - *Director of Facilities Management position* – Bill Hammon is retiring after 10 years of service to the Town of Mansfield and the Mansfield Public Schools. I would like to thank Bill for his dedication and the progress the department has made during his tenure. We will recognize Bill at a reception held the Mansfield Senior Center scheduled for 4:30 PM tomorrow, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Council members are certainly welcome to attend. Next week town and school district staff will interview candidates to succeed Bill. This is a key position for both organizations and I will keep the Council apprised of the status of the recruitment.
  - New employees - Please join me in welcoming our new staff members:
    - Derek Dilaj has been hired for our Assistant Town Engineer position. Most recently Derek was a Project Engineer with Weston and Sampson. Derek is certified as a professional engineer, holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from UCONN and is pursuing a master's degree in environmental engineering from UCONN. Derek started work today, October 14, 2014.
    - Adam Delaura has been hired for our Systems Librarian position at the Mansfield Public Library. Most recently, Adam was Head of Technical Services for the Canton Public Library. Adam has a degree from UCONN and holds a library tech certification. Adam begins work on October 20, 2014.

## **Major Projects and Initiatives**

- *CL&P Interstate Reliability Project* - Work in Mansfield this week will include restoration to pre-construction condition in the vicinity of South Bedlam Road. Restoration activities include removing construction pads and access roads. Crews will also be installing new transmission structures in the vicinity of Crane Hill Road and Route 195. Weekly construction updates can be found at [www.NEEWSprojects.com](http://www.NEEWSprojects.com). Residents can also call 1-866-99NEEWS (1-866-996-3397) or email [NEEWS@NU.com](mailto:NEEWS@NU.com) for more information.

## **Upcoming Events**

- *Mansfield Pup Crawl* – The Mansfield Downtown Partnership invites residents and visitors to the “Mansfield Pup Crawl” on Saturday, October 18, 2014. Participants and their four-legged friends will meet on the Town Square at 9:30 AM for a guided walk through Downtown Storrs. The walk will be approximately 1.7 miles and will conclude at the Town Square at approximately 11:00 AM. A suggested donation of \$20 will benefit the Friends of Mansfield Animal Shelter. The Mansfield Pup Crawl provides a great opportunity to check out the latest developments in Storrs Center, meet new friends, and enjoy a pleasant walk with your dog(s).
- *Storrs Center Trick-or-Treating* – The Mansfield Downtown Partnership and Storrs Center will host Trick-or-Treating downtown on Saturday, October 25 from 4:00—5:00 PM. Enjoy treats from the downtown businesses, then head over to the Mansfield Community Center to continue the fun! The Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department's Annual Halloween Party and Trick-a-Trunk begins at 5:00 PM.
- *Storrs Farmers Market* – The Market is open every Saturday from May through Thanksgiving, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM on the front lawn of the Beck Municipal Building. Everything sold at Storrs Farmers Market is grown or produced in Connecticut. In fact, the average distance from farm to market is just 12 miles! Visit [www.storrsfarmersmarket.org](http://www.storrsfarmersmarket.org) for more information.

## **Upcoming Meetings\***

- Mansfield Community Campus Partnership, October 16, 2014, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Planning and Zoning Commission, October 20, 2014, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Ethics Board, October 22, 2014, 4:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Special Conservation Commission Meeting, October 22, 2014, 7:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Economic Development Commission, October 23, 2014, 5:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Transportation Advisory Committee, October 23, 2014, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, October 27, 2014, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

*\*Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*